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SUMMARY: AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCE, DAR EMBASSY HAS PREPARED BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON AMERICAN CITIZENS BELIEVED TO BE PRESENTLY DETAINED IN TANZANIA AND HAS INDICATED ACTIONS TAKEN BY EMBASSY IN ATTEMPT PROTECT THESE CITIZENS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING PERIOD MAY 28, 1974 TO JULY 31, 1974, EMBASSY LEARNED OF ARRESTS OR DETENTIONS OF THIRTEEN AMERICAN CITIZENS. WE DID NOT RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION ON ABOVE DETENTIONS FROM ANY TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IN ONLY ONE CASE, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, WAS CITIZEN EVEN PERMITTED TO CONTACT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. IN THAT CASE, EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR THE PAYMENT OF FINE BY PARENTS OF INDIVIDUAL CHARGED AND CITIZEN WAS ABLE TO LEAVE TANZANIA. IN CASE OF 12 OTHER AMERICANS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION FROM

TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. REGARDING CASES SINCE MAY 28, 1974, EMBASSY HAS SENT EIGHT DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO FORMIN INQUIRING ABOUT ARRESTS
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OR DETENTIONS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND ASKING FOR CONSULAR

ACCESS TO THEM. NO REPLIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY EMBASSY. ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON DETAINEES THROUGH INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH FORMIN OFFICIALS. IN CONVERSATIONS, OFFICIALS HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION ON DETENTIONS AND ARE UNABLE TO TELL US WHO EXACTLY HAS BEEN ARRESTED OR WHETHER CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED. TANZANIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT PERMITTED CONSULAR ACCESS IN ANY OF ABOVE CASES.

3. FOLLOWING ARE NAMES OF THOSE BELIEVED TO BE DETAINED BY TANZANIAN AUTHORITIES:

A) CD. JERRY HUNT, PILOT WITH TIM AIR CHARTER. HIS COMPANY ADVISED EMBASSY JUNE 1 OF HIS ARREST IN LATE MAY. NOTE SENT TO FORMIN ON JUNE 6 REQUESTING CONSULAR ACCESS. NO REPLY.

B) MR. LEONARD E. REED. LEARNED OF ARREST FROM HIS SISTER, MARGARET JOHNSON, WHO IS IN U.S. MR. FRED BROOKS OF PAN AFRICAN SKILLS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT REED HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN LATE MAY. NOTE SENT TO FORMIN JULY 18, 1974. NO REPLY.

C) MR. LACKY BROWN. EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER ON JULY 1 FROM ALGUSTA MCGEE IN U.S. ADVISING THAT MR. BROWN HAD BEEN UNDER ARREST AT LEAST SINCE MID-JUNE. MR BROOKS CONFIRMED ARREST OF MR. BROWN. NOTE SENT TO FORMIN JULY 18. NO REPLY.

D) MR. LEONARD HARRISON. AS IN ABOVE CASE, ALGUSTA MCGEE ADVISED THAT MR. HARRISON WAS UNDER ARREST AT LEAST SINCE MID JUNE. BROOKS CONFIRMED ARREST. NOTE SENT TO FORMIN JULY 18. NO REPLY.

E) MR. ERNEST MAYHAND AKA MAYHANT. ON JULY 4, UN SECRETARIAT INQUIRED ABOUT WELFARE OF MR. MAY YND WHO REPORTEDLY ARRESTED JUNE 8 AT MUSOMA. NOTES SENT TO FORMIN ON JULY 9, AND JULY 19. NO REPLIES.

F) MR. MICHAEL S. MONK. ON 14 JULY , MRS. ANNIE LOUISE MONK CALLED TO REPORT THAT HER HUSBAND MICHAEL HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN ARUSHA ON JULY 13. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MRS. MONK CAME TO DAR TO CONSULT WITH EMBASSY. EMBASSY REQUESTED CONSULAR ACCESS JULY 15, WHICH DENIED. NOTES SENT TO FORMIN ON JULY 17 AND JULY 20. NO REPLIES. WORKING CONTACTS OF CONSULAR OFFICER IN FORMIN WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON MR. MONK BUT EXPLAINED FORMIN DOING ALL IT COULD TO OBTAIN CONSULAR ACCESS. OFFICIALS IN HOME AFFAIRS REFUSED TO DISCUSS

CASE WITH CONSULAR OFFICER, REFERRING HIM TO FORMIN.

G) MR. FELIX PETE O'NEIL, WIFE CHARLOTTE O'NEIL AND SON, MALNOLM O'NEIL. ON JULY 17, KANSAS CITY STAR NEWSPAPER ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON ARREST OR DETENTION OF O'NEILS. NOTE SENT TO FORMIN ON JULY 18. NO REPLY.

H) MR. WILLIAM HENRY WHITFIELD. ON JULY 19, EMBASSY INFORMED OF ARREST OF WHITFIELD BY SENATOR FULBRIGHT. NOTE SENT TO FORMIN JULY 19. NO REPLY.

4. FOLLOWING WERE APPARENTLY DETAINED BY TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT BUT SINCE RELEASED:

A) DEBORAH ELAINE COLEMAN. ON JULY 12, SENATOR SCOTT INFORMED POST COLEMAN WAS BEING DETAINED IN DAR ES SALAAM. MR. BROOKS CONFIRMED ARREST OF COLEMAN IN LATE MAY. NOTE SENT TO FORMIN ON JULY 18. MRS. LOUISE MONK TOLD EMBASSY ON JULY 29 THA SCOLEMAN WAS RELEASED COUPLE DAYS EARLIER.

B) MR. FRED JOHNSON. JULY 19 KANSAS CITY STAR NEWSPAPER ADVISED EMBASSY TOF DETENTION OF MRAH JOHNSON. NOTE SENT TO FORMIN ON JULY 19. NO REPLY. EMBASSY LEARNED FROM MRS. MONK THAT JOHNSON WAS RELEASED.

5. THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT IN SOME OF CASES CITED PARA 3 AND 4 ABOVE, DETAINEES HAVE NOT REQUESTED U.S. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF COLEMAN AND JOHNSON INDEED HAVE BEEN RELEASED, THEY HAVE NOT YET CONTACTED EMBASSY.

6. RECENT DETENTIONS AND FAILURE OF TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTIFY EMBASSY ARE NOT UNUSUAL INCIDENTS. DURING PERIOD DECEMBER 1972 TO MAY 27, 1974, ANOTHER 13 AMERICANS DETAINED OR ARRESTED. ALL SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED AND REPORTED THEIR DETENTIONS TO EMBASSY. TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT NOTIFY US OF INCIDENTS. ON APRIL 18, 1974, CHARGE MET WITH MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS MUHAJI TO DISCUSS CONTINUED FAILURE OF TANZANIAN AUTHORITIES TO NOTIFY EMBASSY. MUHAJI EXPLAINED HE WOULD AGAIN ADVISE POLICE POSTS TO NOTIFY FORMIN UPON ARREST OF ANY FOREIGNER AND TO FACILITATE ACCESS BY CONSULAR OFFICER TO HIS ARRESTED NATIONALS (DAR ES SALAAM 1203). ON JUNE 3, 1974 CHARGE TALKED WITH MR. LUGIMBANA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN HOME AFFAIRS AGAIN ASKING HIS OFFICE TO COOPERATE TO ENSURE CONSULAR ACCESS. LUGIMBANA UNABLE TO ENSURE CONSULAR ACCESS.

7. DISCUSSION ON PROBLEM OF CONSULAR ACCESS TO TAKE PLACE WITH
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